

What the Bible Says about Memorization

Deuteronomy 4:9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. NIV

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. NIV

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

¹⁹Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. NIV

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹²It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” ¹³Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?”

¹⁴No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. NIV

Joshua 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. NIV

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. NIV

Psalms 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. NIV

Proverbs 2:1-5 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ²turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding... ⁵then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. NIV

Proverbs 3:1-2 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ²for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. NIV

Proverbs 4:4,5 he taught me and said, “Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. ⁵Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them.” NIV

Proverbs 7:1 My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. NIV

Proverbs 10:14 Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin. NIV

Proverbs 22:17-18 Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach, ¹⁸for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips. NIV

John 5:37-38 And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. NIV

John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. NIV

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: NIV

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. NIV